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SUBJECT: PAROLE PROGRAM FOR 15,000 INDOCHINESE

FOLLOWING INFO PROVIDED FYI:

-- ON AUGUST 11, AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CONGRESS,
INCLUDING OPEN HEARINGS BEFORE THE HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE ON
IMMIGRATION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AUTHORIZED THE PAROLE
OF 15,000 ADDITIONAL INDOCHINESE REFUGEES.

-- THESE WERE ALLOCATED 7,000 NUMBERS FOR BOAT CASE
REFUGEES AND 8,000 FOR REFUGEES IN LAND CAMPS IN THAILAND.

-- PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM IS URGENT IN
ORDER THAT COUNTRIES IN SOUTH EAST ASIA, NOW GRANTING
TEMPORARY ASYLUM TO THESE REFUGEES, DO NOT SHIFT TO HARSHER
POLICIES .

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-- IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM WILL REQUIRE 13.5
MILLION DOLLARS.

-- THIS IS ABOUT 900 DOLLARS PER REFUGEE AND INCLUDES
500 DOLLARS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED SERVICES,
300 DOLLARS PER CAPITA RESETTLEMENT GRANTS TO THE
VOLAGS AND 100 DOLLARS DOCUMENTATION SERVICES, PROCESSING

AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

-- THE INITIAL 7.2 MILLION DOLLARS IS EXPECTED TO BE
DRAWN FROM REFUGEE EMERGENCY FUNDS.

- AN INITIAL 3.0 MILLION DOLLARS WAS DRAWN FROM
EMERGENCY FUNDS AVAILABLE IN FY 1977.

- AN ADDITIONAL 4.2 MILLION DOLLARS WILL BE RE-
QUESTED FROM EMERGENCY FUNDS EXPECTED TO BECOME
AVAILABLE FROM FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN FY 1978.

-- THE REMAINING 6.3 MILLION DOLLARS IS TO BE FUNDED
BY THIS REQUEST.

-- THERE REMAINS 6.3 MILLION DOLLARS IN UNUSED STATE
DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THIS
APPROPRIATION.

-- THE REFUGEE AND MIGRATION ASSISTANCE BUDGET AUTHORI-
ZATION FOR FY 1978 IS 63.0 MILLION DOLLARS WHICH WOULD
PROVIDE TRANSFER AUTHORITY FOR UP TO 6.3 MILLION DOLLARS
IN SUCH UNUSED AUTHORIZATION.

-- ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE FY 78 BUDGET EXPECT
REFUGEE EMERGENCY FUNDS ARE INTENDED FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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-- THE EMERGENCY FUNDS ARE INADEQUATE TO MEET THIS NEED.

- THE REMAINING 2.0 MILLION DOLLARS PRESENTLY
IN THE EMERGENCY FUND IS NOW BEING PROCESSED FOR
EMERGENCY PROGRAMS IN AFRICA.

- OF 10.0 MILLION DOLLARS EXPECTED TO BE APPRO-
PRIATED IN FY 1978, 4.2 MILLION DOLLARS IS AL-
READY PLANNED FOR THIS PROGRAM.

- THIS WOULD LEAVE A BALANCE OF 5.8 MILLION
DOLLARS IN EMERGENCY FUNDS TO MEET A REQUIRE-
MENT OF 6.3 MILLION DOLLARS AND WOULD EXHAUST
THE EMERGENCY FUND AT THE BEGINNING OF THE
FISCAL YEAR.

- NOT ONLY IS THIS A INADEQUATE AND DANGEROUS
SOLUTION BUT THE FUNDING OF A FORESEEN NEED FROM A
REGULAR APPROPRIATION WOULD SEEM MORE APPROPRIATE
WHERE POSSIBLE.

-- THIS ITEM WAS LEFT OUT OF THE HOUSE BILL WITHOUT
PREJUDICE AWAITING ACTION ON THE BILL TO PROVIDE REIM-
BURSEMENT TO THE STATES FOR DOMESTIC BENEFITS TO INDO-
CHINESE REFUGEES.

-- THE AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION FOR THE DOMESTIC BENE-
FITS EEMS TO BE MOVING WELL THROUGH BOTH HOUSE AND
SENATE.

-- IF, HOWEVER, THE 6.3 MILLION DOLLARS FOR FUNDING
OF THE PAROLE ACTION IS OMITTED FROM THE SENATE BILL,
IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ADD IT IN CONFERENCE.

-- THE CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE TO DELAY THE COMPLETION
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OF THE PROGRAM AND DANGEROUSLY DEplete REMAINING REFUGEE
EMERGENCY FUNDS. CHRISTOPHER

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